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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAMAGUCHI, Shotaro**

Group Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: 10/815,774

Examiner: **RAO, Manjunath N.**

Filed: **April 2, 2004**

For. **NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM
PRODUCING THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION
PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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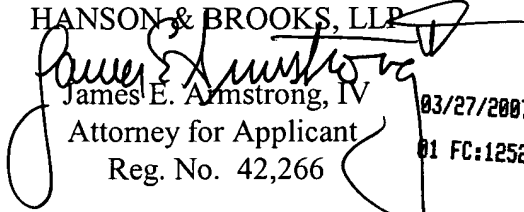
March 26, 2007

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2006 for two months, from January 24, 2007 to March 24, 2007 with March 24 and 25 being a Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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